

MONKFRITH SCHOOL

Spring 5 2026



Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is '**This is my Place**'. [The resources for parents from Place to Be can be found here.](#)

Come As Yourself Day

On **Friday 13th February** the children can wear an outfit to school which makes them feel most comfortable or confident. It might be something cosy, their favourite colours or an outfit that means something to them. We are celebrating what makes each child unique! The only thing we ask is that the footwear is suitable for being outside.



Back in December, you may remember that our Athletics Team won the Barnet Sporthall Indoor Athletics Competition. This meant that we went on to represent Barnet at the London Youth Games.

They have been practicing in their lunchtimes over the last few weeks and went to Harrow Leisure Centre to compete on Wednesday. The children represented our school proudly, finishing 5th in their part of the competition. Well done to all the children who took part, and thank you to the staff who have been involved in organizing, practicing, and going with the children to the event.

Part of the
National Year of Reading 2026



This week is National Storytelling Week. In our assembly on Monday, we thought about why people tell stories, how they help us make connections, and give us a sense of belonging.

[The British Library has a new exhibition opening at Easter \(to the end of August\) about Fairytales and storytelling:](#)

'Perfect for children and their grown-ups, Fairytales brings together beautiful books and artwork, interactive displays, and stories from around the world to see how these tales have enchanted us through time.'



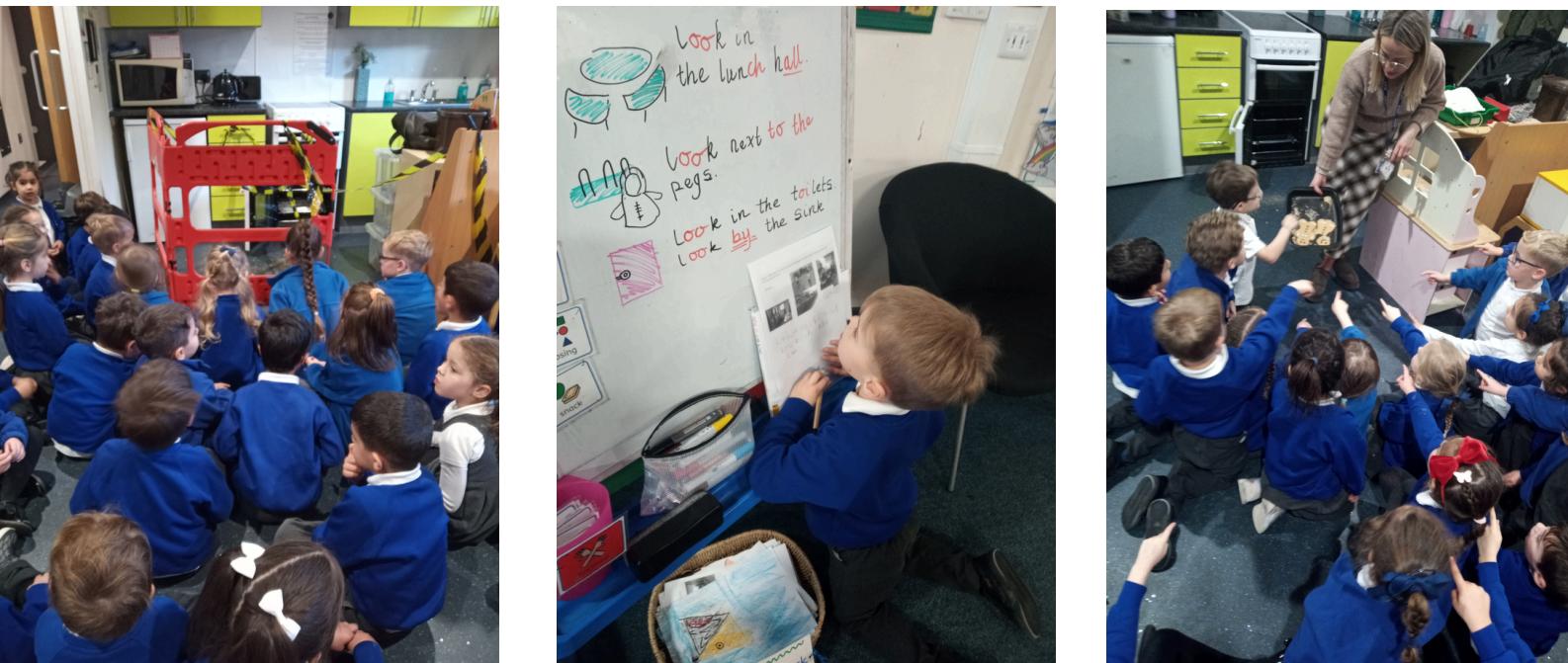
Last Friday, 2M were at the Transport Museum as the newsletter was being finished so here are some of the pictures of their trip. Both Year 2 classes have done some lovely writing this week about their day.



Year 4 have also been out and about this week as they went to the Science Museum as part of their Burps, Bottoms and Bile topic. The children explored some of the galleries and also went to the It Takes Guts science show.



In Reception, the children have been solving the Gingerbread Mystery. They discovered the Gingerbread men had run away; then, after discovering some fox fur, they decided to make posters to help find the fox. On Friday, they made their own gingerbread men.



Class Assemblies

Year 3S - Wednesday 25th March at 9am
Year 3F - Wednesday 29th April at 9am
Year 5LD - Wednesday 20th May at 9am
Year 2M - Wednesday 10th June at 9am
Year 2CW - Wednesday 17th June at 9am
Reception - Friday 19th June at 9am



In Year 1, the children have been making buses as part of their Bright Lights, Big City topic. They have also been doing some lovely writing using the book, Katie in London, as inspiration. In Year 3, they have been finding out what life was like for rich and poor people in Ancient Greece and preparing for their writing about Icarus and Daedalus. Year 5 has been working scientifically by carrying out an investigation into thermal insulation. In Year 6, the children have been doing some beautiful heart-inspired watercolor painting as well as finishing their balanced arguments about community gardens.

On Friday, we had our annual Governor Visit day. They joined us for our Friday celebration assembly, visited lessons, spoke to our School Councillors and Planet Protectors, and spent time with the children at lunch. They will write something for the newsletter next week. The role of governor is voluntary but is such an important part of helping our school run effectively, so I would like to thank them for giving up their time (and their Annual Leave!) to come and see the school during the day.



Arbor

Just a reminder to keep your Arbor contact details up to date. Recommendations are that there are three emergency contacts for each child. You can add the details directly onto Arbor yourself or send a message to the Office,

Reporting Absence

To help us support a smooth start to the school day, we kindly ask that any pupil absence is reported before 8.45am, preferably via email or Arbor. These options are often quicker and more convenient for families.

Please note that the school office is particularly busy between 8.30am and 9.00am, so phone calls during this time may not always be answered immediately. Using email or Arbor helps ensure your message is received promptly. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for 2025/6

Monday 9th February to Friday 13th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Thursday 12th February - KS2 Cross Country Competition

16th February to 20th February - Half Term

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March - Parent Consultations

Wednesday 4th March - Year 6 to St Paul's Cathedral

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Monday 9th March - Year 4 swimming (2 weeks)

Friday 13th March - Barnet Dance Festival

Wednesday 25th March - Year 3S Class Assembly

Thursday 26th/Friday 27th March - Year 6 to Tolmers Residential

Friday 27th March - Break up at 2pm

Monday 13th April - INSET Day

Tuesday 14th April - First Day of Summer Term

Thursday 16th to 17th April - Year 4 Bikeability

Wednesday 22nd April - Year 5S to the National Portrait Gallery

Wednesday 29th April - Year 5LD to the National Portrait Gallery

Thursday 7th May - SCHOOL CLOSED POLLING DAY

Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May - KS2 SATs week

Sunday 17th May to Friday 22nd May - Year 6 to the Isle of Wight

Wednesday 20th May - Year 5LD Class Assembly

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May - Half Term

Monday 1st June - INSET Day

Wednesday 10th June - 2M Class Assembly

Friday 12th June - Class Photo Day

Monday 15th June to Friday 19th June - Sports Week

Wednesday 17th June - 2CW Class Assembly at 9am

Friday 19th June - Reception Class Assembly at 9.15am

Friday 3rd July - INSET Day

Friday 17th July - Children break up at 2pm
Monday 20th July - INSET Day

Dates for 2026/7

Autumn

Autumn 1

INSET - Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 23rd October

Half Term

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Autumn 2

Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December

INSET - Monday 2nd November

Spring 2027

Spring 1

Tuesday 5th January to Friday 12th February

INSET - Friday 12th February

Half Term

Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

Spring 2

Monday 22nd February to Thursday 25th March

Summer 2027

Summer 1

Monday 12th April to Friday 28th May

INSET: Monday 12th April

Half Term

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

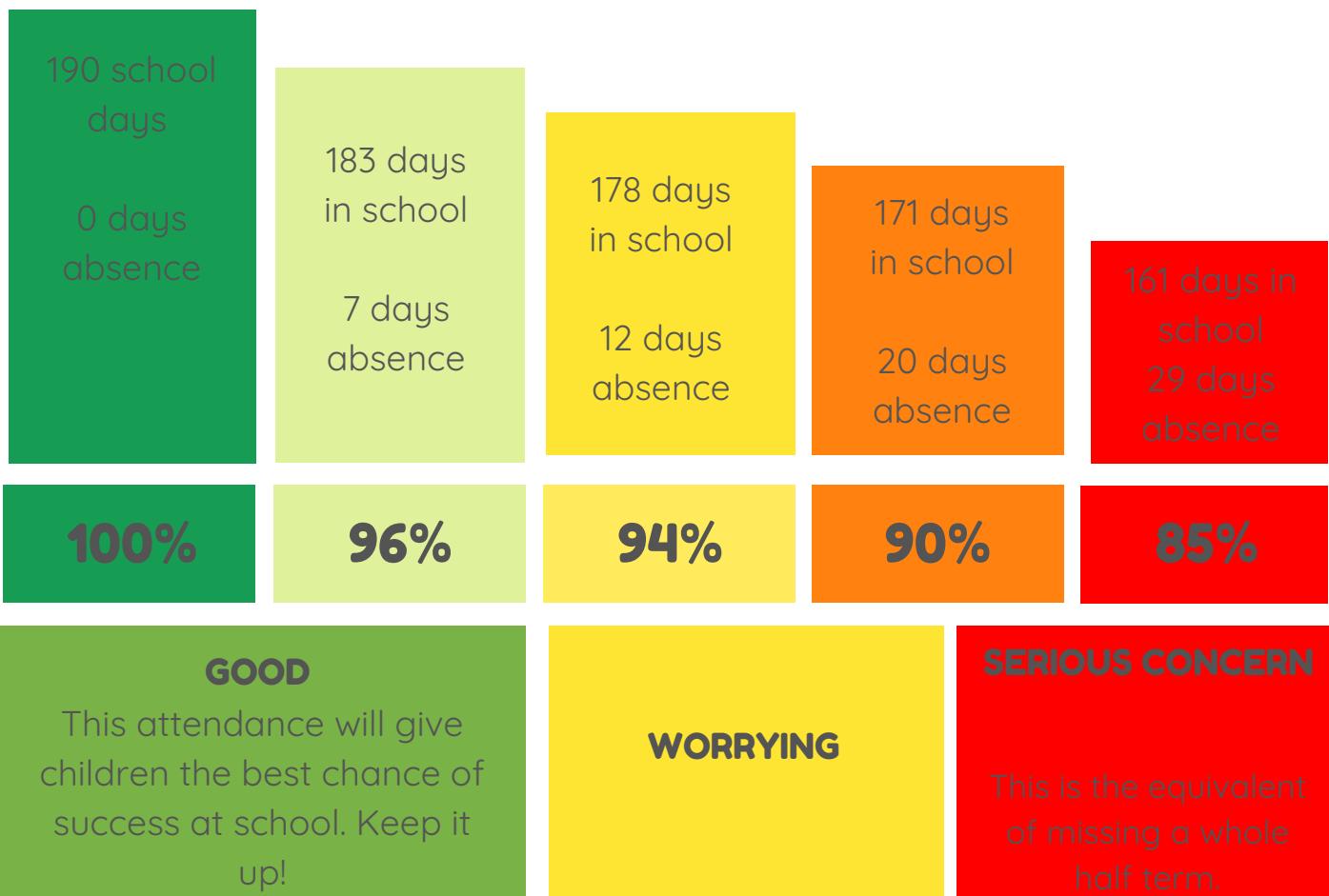
Summer 2

Monday 7th June to Thursday 22nd July

INSET: Friday 2nd July 2027

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Each day is really important in your child's learning journey. Getting here on time helps them ease into the day calmly and makes sure they don't miss out on important learning.



Attendance this week

Oak	96%	2M	97%	5S	93%
Willow	95%	3S	98%	5LD	93%
1C	94%	3F	98%	6P	96%
1K	94%	4B	96%	6K	96%
2CW	96%	4P	99%	Whole School	96%